

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
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Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE met on Monday, June 25, 2001, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney. Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio, was excused from this Committee meeting.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order and stated first on the agenda was Ms. Carole Grant, MIS Director, Re: Transfer of funds within department.

Ms. Grant stated she is requesting transfer of funds within the department from the Operations line item for communications to three line items under Personnel. She stated she has a long-term employee who is going to retire and the funds are needed to pay his leave.

Councilmember Pinckney moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Richardson; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item B, Review prior to Third Reading of the following:

1. Bill No. 01-18, an Ordinance providing for the adoption of fiscal year 2001-2002 (Beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002) budgets for the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Solid Waste Fund; establishing operational, debt service, and capital improvement budgets for water and sewer; and

to provide for the expenditures of revenues coming into the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Solid Waste Fund during the fiscal year, and to amend the Code of Ordinances, Berkeley County, South Carolina, setting rates, charges and penalties for water and sewer and solid waste service by the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority.

Councilmember Crosby moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Davis; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

2. Bill No. 01-13, an Ordinance providing appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for Berkeley County; and to provide for levy of taxes on all taxable property in Berkeley County for all county purposes; to provide for the expenditures of said taxes and other revenues coming into the county for the fiscal year.

Councilmember Crosby moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner. (This motion was disregarded and deferred to the amendment by Councilmember Spooner on the provisos to the budget.)

Councilmember Spooner stated there were a couple of items she would like to address and she read into the record an amendment to Section XIV to the 2001-2002 Budget she would like propose as follows: "No expenditure of contingency funds shall be made without the approval of County Council upon a finding by Council that emergency conditions exist for such expenditure or that an emergency requires such expenditure." She stated in some cases they pull from the Contingency for different things and she would like for them to narrow it down to emergency expenses only for this fiscal year. It does not have to be left for each year but because this dealt with making sure that everybody does what they are supposed to do. There are certain departments that cannot be definitely determined at the beginning of the year how much would be spent. For example, autopsies, jurors, facilities for youthful offenders, etc. Those are numbers you that cannot be definitely locked in like maintenance contracts. So, they need to have the ability to add to those funds but they should do it on an emergency basis and not use it for hiring or something of that sort.

Councilmember Richardson asked how would new employees be handled with this proposal? Councilmember Spooner stated that is usually done during the budget unless they chose to look at it during Supplemental Appropriations.

Councilmember Spooner stated she would like to put the proposal in the form of a motion as an amendment to the provisos for the budget; seconded by Councilmember Crosby.

Upon call for the vote on the amendment, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Crosby asked if the Personnel and Administrative additions should be incorporated into the budget? Mr. Metts stated he could address those additions for consideration.

Mr. Metts stated these are additions after the budget was presented to Council; and Council had directed Staff to look for additional funds or changes that Staff noticed needed to be corrected; or Department Directors came back and said they could not do without this or that.

He proceeded as follows:

Berkeley County
Personnel Budget Additions

Codes Enforcement 2 Part time to collect Del. Fines	\$25,000.00
Solicitor's Investigation	48,175.00
Clerk of Court Circuit Court Clerk (Jan. 1)	14,667.00
ROD Clerk (Jan. 1)	11,137.00
Auditor Clerk (Jan. 1)	13,399.00
3 Tele-communicators (2 left out, 1 add. State Reg. (Jan. 1)	41,696.00
Salary Adj. (Freeman, Maint. Gar. Incl. Ben.)	2,500.00
Salary Adj. (Yohe, Rds. & Brdgs. Incl. Ben.)	4,312.00
Total Personnel Additions	<u>\$160,886.00</u>

Administrative Additions

Sheriff Maint. (5301)	\$11,328.00
ROD Employee Training (5515)	750.00
Solicitor Gas & Oil (5202)	1,750.00
Codes Enfor. Gas & Oil (5202)	6,500.00
Codes Enfor. Auto Repairs(5205)	500.00
Codes Enfor. Insurance (545 1)	500.00
Coroner Stretcher (6104)	2,008.00
Cypress Gardens Garbage Service	1,080.00
Solicitors 2 used cars (6104)	19,000.00
Soil Cons. Student Envir. Education Program	1,000.00
Administrative Additions Total	<u>\$44,416.00</u>

Total Budget Additions	<u>\$205,302.00</u>
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New Revenue Available

COG Water Quality Study (Trans. TO BCW&SA)	\$20,000.00
Solicitor to fund Investigator Position	48,175.00
Reduction in Workers Comp. Premium	137,127.00
Total New Revenue Available	<u>\$205,302.00</u>

Mr. Metts concluded that they were able to find the funding for the Administrative changes and/or Council directed changes.

Councilmember Davis indicated Magistrate was omitted under Personnel Budget Additions. Mr. Metts stated the only thing that was not included is the \$34,000 for the Magistrate. Chairman Vaughn asked did they have anything official on the Magistrate? Councilmember Crosby stated the Supervisor got a letter on Thursday that the Magistrate had been sworn in but they were not informed of this addition prior to the budget and getting all of the information together. So, they did not put the money in for that particular item.

Councilmember Pinckney asked, in reference to the salary adjustment for Mr. Freeman and Mr. Yohe, what percentage is that? Mr. Metts stated he was only given a dollar figure.

Councilmember Spooner stated the Solicitors' Investigators is not a new position, Charleston had been funding that. It would be new for us because the person had been doing virtually 100 percent of his work in Berkeley County but Charleston had been paying him. However, she thinks Berkeley County will be looking for funds to pick it up.

Councilmember Crosby moved to amend the budget to include those additions; seconded by Councilmember Farley.

Councilmember Richardson asked are they considering the magistrate's position? Chairman Vaughn stated they did not have that information but it would be addressed later.

Upon call for the vote on the amendment to include the additions, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Spooner moved to send the Berkeley County Budget to Council for Third Reading; seconded by Councilmember Crosby.

Upon call for the vote, a Roll call was necessary. Ms. Austin called the Roll as follows:

Councilmember Farley.....	"Aye"
Councilmember Spooner	"Aye"
Councilmember Crosby	"Aye"
Councilmember Davis	"Nay"
Councilmember Mims	"Nay"
Councilmember Pinckney	"Aye"
Councilmember Richardson.....	"Aye"

The Motion to send the Berkeley County Budget to Council for Third Reading passed by majority vote of the Committee with five (5) Ayes and two (2) Nays.

Chairman Vaughn stated the next item was Bill No. 01-14, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Devon Forest Special

Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Devon Forest Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Farley; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item 4, Bill No. 01-15, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Pimlico Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Pimlico Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Richardson; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item 5, Bill No. 01-16, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Sangaree Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Sangaree Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item 6, Bill No. 01-17, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Tall Pines Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Tall Pines Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

Councilmember Crosby moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Davis; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item 7, Bill No. 01-19, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Berkeley County Special Fire Tax District within the unincorporated portions of Berkeley County; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Special Fire Tax District during the fiscal year.

Councilmember Spooner moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Farley; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item 8, Bill No. 01-20, an Ordinance authorizing: (1) the execution and delivery of a real property fee in lieu of tax agreement between Berkeley County, South Carolina (The "County") and Duck Pond Creek, LLC ("DPC") for lease to BlackBaud, Inc. ("BlackBaud") and/or Three Lions, LLC ("Three Lions") and a personal property fee in lieu of tax agreement between the County and BlackBaud; (2) payment by the DPC, BlackBaud and/or Three Lions of certain fees in lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; (3) the benefits of a multi-county park to be made available to the

foregoing companies; (4) the benefits of certain special source credits; and (5) certain other matters relating thereto.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next was REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety, Councilmember Milton Farley, Chairman.

Councilmember Farley stated the Committee met on June 11 and one item before them was from the Coroner's Office requesting additional funds for Professional Medical Services in the amount of \$7,965 to come from Contingency. He stated the Committee recommended approval and he so moved; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Farley stated there was also a request from the Magistrates office for additional funds for reimbursement to Jurors in the amount of \$5,000 to come from Contingency. He stated the Committee recommended approval; and he so moved; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Crosby moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will meet on Monday June 25, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, immediately following the Special Meeting of the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing and Public Hearings at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Carol Grant, MIS Director, Re: Transfer of funds within department.
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C. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety
Council Member Milton Farley, Chairman
 - a. Coroner: Additional Funds.
 - b. Magistrate: Additional Funds.

June 20, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council